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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS EQUIPMENT FUNDING TO EGYPT

REF: (A) CAIRO 12265, (B) CAIRO 15626, (C) CAIRO 17645,
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1. RIGHT-HAND DRIVE VEHICLES ARE NOT NECESSARY IN EGYPT. TRAFFIC AND VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS BASICALLY SAME AS IN U.S., UTILIZING LEFT-HAND DRIVE VEHICLES. CHEVROLET BLAZERS PROPOSED FOR LOCAL PURCHASE (REF C) ARE AMERICAN SPECIFICATION AND ARE COMPATIBLE WITH EGYPTIAN SPECIFICATIONS. REQUEST DEPT ADVISE DECISION REGARDING EMBASSY PROPOSAL FOR LOCAL PURCHASE.

2. OPERATIONAL CONCEPT PROPOSED REF B REGARDING MOBILE AND INDEPENDENT STRIKE FORCE CAPABILITY FOR ANGAs REMAINS THE SAME. EMBASSY ASSUMES CONCERN REPORTED REF D REGARDING APPARENT CHANGE IN OPERATIONAL CONCEPT WAS CAUSED BY REF C REQUEST FOR MULTI-CHANNEL RADIO WHICH COULD BE UTILIZED OUTSIDE OPIUM CULTIVATION AREAS. THIS REQUEST WAS BASED ON ANGAs PREDICTION THAT OPIUM CULTIVATION WILL INCREASE AND EXPAND SIGNIFICANTLY. MULTI-CHANNEL CAPABILITY WOULD ALLOW POTENTIAL FOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH LOCAL POLICE, IF NECESSARY, WHEREVER OPIUM
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CULTIVATION LOCATED. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH DEPT PROPOSAL PROVIDE G.E. 2 CHANNEL MOBILE AND PORTABLE RADIO EQUIPMENT CRYSTALLED TO 2 SIMPLEX FREQUENCIES 79.225 AND 79.175 MHZ. MOREOVER, WE NOTE STANDARD LANGUAGE OF PROJECT AGREEMENT BARS USE OF EQUIPMENT FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. THIS IN ITSELF NO GUARANTEE, BUT ANGAs MAY BE EXPECTED TO RESIST EFFORTS BY OTHER MININT ORGANIZATIONS

TO USE VEHICLES AND WE WILL ENDEAVOR MONITOR THIS AS
CLOSELY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.

3. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH PROPOSAL PROVIDE BUSHNELL
BINOCULARS.

4. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES REQUEST DEPT ADVISE GENERAL TIME
FRAME FOR IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE:

A. FUNDING LOCAL PURCHASE VEHICLES (IF APPROVED)

B. ARRIVAL DATE RADIO EQUIPMENT

C. ARRIVAL DATE BINOCULARS

D. ARRIVAL DATE BULLET-PROOF VESTS. EILTS

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